## **Town Halls Subcommittee Meeting**

8/5/20

## Present

- Karen Anderson-Scott
- Franklyn Baker
- Reena Shah
- Brian Frazee
- o Chi Song
- Chijioke Akamigbo
- Michele Honick
- Roberta Gill
- Talley Kovacs
- Tamar Sarnoff
- Michael Summers
- Cynthia Terry
- Joan Bellistri
- Todd Yeary

## Subcommittees

- Things are beginning to get in motion
- Please sign up for a subcommittee
  - Don't need to work on more than one
- Strategy and marketing
  - How to target, where to go, etc.
  - Food giveaways
  - Cynthia Terry and Karen have discussed using First BAptist Church to spread materials
- Town Halls
  - Tamar helping to connect us with state and local library systems
  - Use town halls hybrid model
    - Disseminate info
    - Gather info to listen to what they
  - Should probably do something sooner because moratoria on evictions is getting ready to expire
    - Sent email to housing co-chairs
    - Would like to hold event (Aug. 17th) sooner rather than later
      - o Facebook live, youtube, etc.
        - Not much time to market and promote
          - This would essentially be a pilot
    - Logistics from housing

- O What experts do they want on?
- Where is it promoted?
- One-pager
  - Finalized, taking it to policy and equity
- General problems with understanding civil justice system
  - Unfamiliar with process
  - Unfamiliar with rights in civil v. criminal
  - Inability to access resources, etc.
  - Both this and our marketing guide are for us to be on the same page regarding our interpretation of the problems
- Associated costs
  - Billboards
  - o Interpreter
  - We should start with ballpark and go from there
  - Helpful to have some specifics
    - Billboards, MTA, mailings
  - Can we propose upstart costs vs. total funding
    - Looking to make request based on CARES Act
  - What if we incur costs prior to finding funding
  - Strategy should be to use networks with minimal costs
    - Tech may be a bit easier
    - Printing will be costly
      - Mailing, etc.
  - o 3 paths
    - Free
    - Minimal costs
    - Max spending
  - Letter to aggregator faith/etc. Groups to multiply influence
    - How to reach out to as broad a group as possible
    - Rev. Terry in collaboration with hundreds of churches
      - Letter from people with relationships is better
      - Send something on behalf of church
        - Collaborate however they can
      - Contact others with distribution networks
- We need to put pressure on governor and chief judge
  - No response to letters from last week
  - Need to leverage members on task force and members of committees so they can improve their personal interests in the work
  - Anything we put out has to address the needs/concerns of both sides

- Landlords and tenants
- o Collect stories on ground
  - Build social media
  - Things should be created to go out in tandem with social media
- Questions/comments/suggestions